



## US Fish & Wildlife Service

# Draft Vision & Goals

## *Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge*

### Draft Vision

Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge is a healthy expanse of grasslands, shrublands and wetlands, including rare xeric tallgrass prairie where natural processes support a broad range of native wildlife. The Refuge provides striking mountain and prairie views, and opportunities to appreciate refuge resources in an urbanized area through compatible wildlife-dependent recreation and education. Working with others, the Refuge conserves the unique biotic communities and sustains wildlife populations at the interface of mountains and prairies on Colorado's Front Range.

### Draft Goals

#### 1. Wildlife and Habitat Management

The Refuge will conserve, restore and sustain the biological diversity of the native flora and fauna of the mountain/prairie interface with particular consideration given to threatened and endangered species.

#### 2. Public Use, Education & Interpretation

The Service will provide compatible wildlife-dependent recreational, educational and interpretive opportunities for people to learn about and appreciate the National Wildlife Refuge System; the Refuge's xeric tallgrass prairie, upland shrub and wetland habitats; native wildlife; and the history of the site.

#### 3. Safety

The Service will conduct Refuge operations and manage public access safely and in accordance with the final Rocky Flats' cleanup decision documents.

#### 4. Effective & Open Communication

The Service will proactively communicate with the public and stakeholders about Refuge programs and management decisions as well as the mission of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Wildlife Refuge System.

#### 5. Working with Others

The Service will work with others on issues of mutual concern including resource conservation, compatible wildlife-related research, public use, site history, and infrastructure.

#### 6. Refuge Operations

Based on available funds, the Service will provide resources to fulfill the Refuge vision and purpose.